

376TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING MANAS AIR BASE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Manas Air Base was activated December 21, 2001, after Coalition forces deployed to Manas International Airport and began supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and the International Security Assistance Force after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. The base continues to play an important role in the ongoing operations in Afghanistan, helping promote regional stability in Central Asia.



MISSION

Manas Air Base is the premier air mobility hub for ISAF and Coalition operations in Afghanistan. The wing's missions include strategic airlift operations, aerial refueling, combat airlift and airdrop and aeromedical evacuation.

AIRCRAFT

Coalition aircraft supporting the mission include U.S. KC-135s, Spanish C-130s and French C135FRs.

PERSONNEL

The base has approximately 1,000 personnel assigned, including U.S., Spanish and French forces. Additionally, the base employs more than 650 contract and local personnel to assist with daily operations and to support personnel assigned to and transiting through the base.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Manas personnel have made a difference in the lives of many Kyrgyz people through volunteer efforts. Outreach includes work with orphanages, medical facilities for children, and elderly foundations.

Between May and August, volunteers raised more than \$15,000 with a single donation of \$4,500 to the Children's Heart Center, invested 6,500 hours and provided \$13,600 in goods or services. This including major renovation projects at the



remodeling of a gymnastics room and donating bedding and school supplies.

This rotation, Airmen have also logged thousands of volunteer hours, raised money for supplies and donated labor for numerous projects in the six local villages just outside Manas AB. These projects included renovation and construction improvements at community centers, orphanages, schools and various other locations. The selfless efforts of Manas Airmen helped strengthen the bonds with our Kyrgyz hosts and demonstrated the best in what America represent.



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Col. Chris Bence
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Commander



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Operations Group

Fueling the fight! The EOG, consisting of the EOSS and the 22 EARS worked together to enable almost 2,200 "impact events" in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Impact events include air strikes, low-level Shows of Force over suspected enemy positions, and combat air support to aid and protect US and Coalition Troops In Contact with the enemy in Afghanistan. The 22 EARS flew nearly 1,300 missions during which they aerial refueled 4,200 US and Coalition fighter, bomber, and reconnaissance aircraft with a total of 73 Million pounds of fuel--enough to drive your family car around the Earth 25 times, and you wouldn't run out of gas until September ... of 2009! They reset their own single-day record 3 times, finally transferring over 1,040,000 lbs (160,000 gallons) of fuel in 24 hours. They were able to do this despite fuel-load-limiting temperatures during the hottest summer since 1937 because of the incredible accuracy of a new temperature-study tool developed by the weather team of the 376 EOSS. Behind the scenes, but playing a vital role, the Intelligence Flight disseminated critical threat data to keep crews out of harm's way. The EOSS also worked closely with host-nation officials to ensure safer and more efficient flying operations. Finally, the EOG did all this while manned with both Active Duty and ANG Airmen. For the first time, an ANG EARS staff led the way as Guardsmen from Alabama, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey, Wisconsin, and Utah joined active-duty personnel from Fairchild AFB to form a single, tightly integrated group of warfighters, thereby proving the viability and value of the Total Force concept.



Mission Support Group

EMSG worked as a team to plan and execute the largest movement of warriors through the AOR in six years. PERSCO processed more than 41K personnel

during this rotation alone. EMSG reaffirmed its "World Class Warrior Care" motto by implementing a Lodging Touch System, eliminating accounting errors and reducing check-in time. EFSS boosted morale by providing 1,454 fitness and recreational events, 475,564 meals, and 7K+ flight meals. Also, the \$350K Liberandos' Lair morale center opened. EFSS also improved relations with local communities by hosting an appreciation picnic for 600 Kyrgyz contractors and family. ECS designed and installed a \$500K wireless internet system, providing hot spots at Pete's Place, Shooters and Liberandos' Lair. This morale booster keep warriors at Manas in touch with family and friends back home. ECS also assisted in preparing the AOR-wide \$8M Postal Contract converting Manas from mil to contractor postal ops. ECES superbly completed 2,500 service calls and 212 work-orders. While enduring sustained 90+ degree weather, ECES completed \$2M in construction moving many unit missions from expeditionary to semi-permanent structures, including a transient shower/latrine facility, medical facility, and the Liberandos' Lair morale center. ECES also proceeded with a POL maintenance/ops center and the Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center's 8,700 sq. ft. storage facility. ECONS fueled many of these projects by overseeing \$9.7M in construction. ESFS provided airtight base defense while launching the Defense Biometric Identification System and the RapidScan screening technology at the Visitor Control Center to better scrutinize access and search capability to prohibit contraband from entering the installation. ELRS improved services, opening a passenger terminal wing and introducing X-Ray equipment while handling 44,972 passengers and 1,403 short-tons of cargo. The ETDC fit 6,250 Airmen with protective gear and POL delivered more than 50M gallons of fuel while vehicle maint. excelled at maintaining fully operational equipment. EMSG completed numerous projects at local villages, orphanages, and day care centers addressing needs enhancing our relationship with our host nationals.



Maintenance Group

"Liberando" maintainers, directly supported the air refueling and airlift support missions with C2, sortie generation, maintenance, ground equipment, ammo, and supply. Enduring the hottest Kyrgyz weather on record, generated the record refueling accomplishments of the EOG and supported nearly a thousand C-130, C-17, C-5, commercial, and DV missions, moving 40,000 ISAF personnel with a 98.4% reliability rate. EMXG combined active duty, reserve and ANG Airmen establishing the first Total Force unit here and breaking records for fully mission capable and fix rates. Finally, EMXG maintained aircraft and equipment for the first combat test and use of the Roll-on Beyond Line of Site secure data link, greatly improving ground request to air strike coordination.



Medical Group

The EMDG delivered outstanding health care, supporting 28K+ warriors during the busiest ops tempo ever. Focusing on preventive health and safety, medics earned #1 of 15 AOR bases for 6 consecutive weeks for immunization currency, while reducing disease and non-battle injuries to less than 1%. Launching a crusade to improve base medical ops, medics transferred and installed \$1.3 million in supplies and equipment from a tent complex to a new treatment facility, ending a 6-year project. The team provided healthcare for an astounding 4,500+ patients, performed emergent surgeries and processed 19 members for immediate aeromedical evacuation. Medics analyzed 500+ water samples and conducted more than 90 food facility sanitary inspections, ensuring safe preparation and serving of more than 800K meals. Engaged with local health professionals, medics sponsored education seminars to discuss the latest treatment techniques and procedures, establishing a knowledge exchange partnership.